

Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture

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We conclude that use of \$50,000 to purchase and distribute this software to the community would be a permissible use of equitable sharing funds.

The additional information demonstrated that the software provides direct support to law enforcement, and has already proven to be an effective law enforcement aid in actual cases. The new information also indicated that the software might be used with current forensic capabilities of law enforcement agencies to gather even more information to identify and locate perpetrators and possibly missing children. The software enables parents to be able to print what they find so they may give the printouts to law enforcement. The software also allows parents to view email addresses and instant messages if they are in HTML format. Thus, the software's coverage and effectiveness is greater than what we had originally thought based on the initial information provided.

Further, the additional information, and the better understanding we now have of the software's capabilities, alleviates our concerns that there would be any appearance of impropriety by distributing this software to the public at no cost. It appears to be a valid crime prevention tool, as well as a law enforcement aid in a broad array of cases.

Thank you for taking the time to provide the additional information regarding this initiative. We would request that the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department provide us with feedback as to the success of the program. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 622-9600.

Sincerely,

Raymond M. Dineen Director

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